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The Honorable
William J. Casey
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Dear Mr. Casey:

On April 30, 1983, I joined with Senators Denton, DeConcini, and Helms to hold a joint hearing into the role of Cuba in drug trafficking. Under the jurisdiction of the Senate Drug Enforcement Caucus, the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism, and the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Western Hemishpere Affairs, we heard specific evidence on Cuban Government drug trafficking. I strongly urge you to aggressively investigate the extent of this national security threat and take immediate action to stop it.

For your information, I will send to you an unedited copy of the hearing record. Because our witnesses can provide detailed information into the role of Cuba, I believe that it is vital that they be fully questioned by your staff.

The fact that Castro has chosen to associate himself with criminal elements and international smugglers is a clear indication of his contempt for international law, and his intent to undermine American society. I believe that the important findings of our hearing underscores the undeniable role that the Cuban dictator has played in international drug trafficking. I urge your immediate and aggressive action against this national threat.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I would be pleased to meet with you to discuss the hearing findings.

Sincerely,

Paula Hawkins

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